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TODAY and TOMORROW

"Trusteeship"

THE San Francisco Conference is now faced with the biggest and most fundamental problem—the problem of colonies and trusteeship. So far the Big Three, Russia, Britain and America, are obstinately standing each by its own proposals and there is not the least sign of any willingness on the part of any one of them to make adjustments towards a compromise agreement.

Britain and America do not seek to abolish colonies and colonial exploitation. In fact the British and American proposals seek international sanction for permanent political domination and economic exploitation of vast regions.

On the other hand, Russia seems to be taking a firm stand that there should be no sanction for permanent or long-standing colonial domination and exploitation. Even in the earlier stages of the conference, Molotov gave a hint of this attitude by dragging in the question of India's independence, though the Anglo-Americans had decided that the Indian problem should not be discussed at San Francisco. He indirectly affirmed that as far as Russia was concerned, India must soon be an independent member of the world comity of nations. Later Arkadia Sobolev, Molotov's assistant, demanded that the Trusteeship committee should make a clear declaration that all colonial peoples should be helped to attain the objective of complete independence.

Whether the San Francisco Charter contains the stipulated Russian clause of independence for all colonies or not, the Russian proposals regarding trusteeship of colonies contain enough provisions to guarantee the ultimate complete independence of all colonial peoples.

To the Anglo-Americans, the Russian proposals are a bombshell. Britain stands to lose most; she stands to lose her vast colonies, including India and regions under her control such as Egypt and the Middle East. The Americans also will lose their hold on the Philippines and other Pacific islands and on South America. Besides the loss of territories and spheres of influence, the Russian proposals will make for the total loss of American and British economic markets in Asia and other parts of the world.

To genuine lovers of world peace and freedom, the ultimate abolition of colonies and the independence of colonial peoples are vitally necessary for future security. But as they mean loss of colonies and markets to both Britain and America, the Anglo-Americans can never accept them. If they could, there would have been no war in Europe or in Asia. If the Anglo-Americans could give up their imperialistic greed and ambition,—why, it would be easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle!

Nippon Storming Troopers Harass Tarakan Invaders

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Enemy's Repeated And Determined Attacks On Oilfields Foiled

A Nippon Base in Borneo, May 16 (Domei)—Nippon storming parties are active against enemy invaders of Tarakan Island. Enemy troops made repeated attacks against our positions in the vicinity of the airfield as well as in the reservoir and oilfield sectors. Sunday night May 13, numerous Nippon storming units attacked the enemy in the airfield sector, killing or wounding at least 142 enemy troops besides blasting and setting afire many bivouacs and supply depots.

As a result of these daring Nippon attacks the enemy is extremely cautious and has set up a number of alarm devices around his sleeping quarters which are constantly illuminated with electric lights.

On the other hand the enemy is sending out small "feeler" reconnaissance parties against our positions. However, each time the enemy approaches Nippon positions our defenders draw him in and from close quarters rain fierce blows at his troops. At night death-defying storming attacks are carried out deep into enemy positions by our infiltration units.

The enemy is suffering mounting losses due to our "bleed the enemy white" tactics. Since Friday May 11 fighting on this front has reached a stalemate with the enemy still unable to make any use of the airfield.

Zurich, May 17 (Domei))—A Reuter's broadcast said that Australian Army Headquarters reported heavy fighting is raging in the oilfield sector on Tarakan Island.

It said firmly entrenched Nippon forces defied determined attacks and inflicted casualties, despite bombardment by naval guns, planes and artillery. Harassing raids are being made at night by Nippon forces, according to Reuter.

Nippon Surface Units In Action In Davao Bay

Tokyo, May 16 (Domei)—Units of Nippon special attack surface corps went into action against enemy surface craft in Davao Bay yesterday, May 15, according to a frontline dispatch reaching here this morning. At least two enemy transports are so far known to have been sunk by our units in this surprise sortie, the dispatch said.

BLOODY FIGHTING RAGING NEAR SHURI AND NAHA ON SOUTH OKINAWA FRONT

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Appalling Losses Inflicted On Foe Forces In Violent Counter-Attacks

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A Nippon Base in the Okinawa Sector, May 16 (Domei)—Sharp fighting continued to rage with mounting intensity on the entire southern front in the immediate vicinity of Shuri and Naha throughout yesterday May 15. Adding to the ferocity of fighting now developing in this sector are continued assaults being launched by our storming units which have been on the rampage against enemy troops since last Sunday night May 13. The heavy toll of enemy casualties exacted by these daring storming units has caused serious confusion in the enemy lines.

North of Shuri our firstline defence now runs from Ona through Suyeyoshi to Taira. Bitter fighting is also developing in Makabi and Azato, west of Shuri.

Since yesterday, Tuesday morning, the enemy has begun to intensify air and ship bombardments against our positions in this sector. Enemy gunfire is most intense from warcraft operating off Koroku, south of Naha. Two battleships, as many cruisers, and five destroyers accompanied by scores of amphibious tanks were observed off Koroku carrying on intense shelling.

Simultaneously the enemy greatly reinforced his troops in the western coastal sector of the island. Consequently enemy pressure on our positions in the Ameku and Naha areas is being gradually increased. Our units in these areas are now engaged in the bitterest fighting, effectively smashing the enemy's furious onslaughts.

In about 40 days since the enemy started his invasion of Main Okinawa Island our units so far have succeeded in completely destroying at least two divisions out of six divisions of the enemy invasion ground force. The remaining four divisions have also been severely battered in recent ground battles. With the enemy continuously pouring in a flow of reinforcements however, the fighting front has now been pushed into the immediate vicinity of the island's capital Naha, where our garrison units are now putting up the most stubborn resistance against overwhelming odds.

Relentless counter-attacks are being carried out by our troops, making the fighting in this sector a bitter contest for every inch of ground. Our troops still firmly hold all their positions along a line extending east to west of Shuri, inflicting mounting losses on enemy troops in their desperate attempt to capture the capital of the island.

Enemy Replenishment Power Daily Dwindles In Ryukyu War Sector

An Undisclosed Nippon Base, May 15 (Domei)—The enemy's replenishment power in the Ryukyu sector is now at its lowest ebb, according to a Major who recently returned to the Nippon mainland from Kerama Islands where he was stationed as a member of a Nippon garrison unit. His description of enemy conditions there follows:

In the early part of this month more than a dozen damaged enemy surface craft were observed undergoing repairs at the northern anchorage of Hiraseiwa, Kerama Straits, while as many surface craft including carriers, battleships, and more than 20 small craft were observed anchored at the southern anchorage of the same strait. In order to dodge attacks by Nippon special attack corps, enemy carriers steam out into the open sea to the south. Aka Strait is apparently used as a base for enemy hydroplanes which numbered about 30 in the early part of this month.

In the past enemy radio

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Enemy Mortality Rate On Okinawa Definitely Highter Than In Europe

Lisbon, May 15 (Domei)—Colonel Frederick B. Westervelt, surgeon of the United States 10th Army on Okinawa, today was quoted by an American dispatch as saying that the mortality rate on Okinawa is higher than in Europe. The latest casualty figures in the Okinawa fighting show that 3,967 American troops have been killed.

Without referring to the fierceness of the Nippon resistance, which is admitted daily in American war dispatches, Westervelt attributed the higher mortality rate of the Pacific war casualties to the lack of combat hospitals.

More than 6,000 of the Americans wounded in Okinawa, have been removed by plane to Guam, Honolulu, San Francisco and other points east, Westervelt said, adding that the removal problem was one of the biggest in the war, particularly in the distances involved.

While casualties were few

Enemy Task Force In Kyushu Waters Hastily Retreats

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Nippon Attack Corps And Torpedo Planes Wreak Havoc On Warcraft

A Nippon Airbase, May 16 (Domei)—The enemy task force which raided Kyushu during the three days from May 12 to May 14 finally beat a hasty retreat after sustaining a crippling blow at the hands of Nippon special attack corps as well as torpedo planes. This task force consisted of repaired carriers which were heavily damaged at the time of the enemy's first penetration into the sea southeast of Kyushu last March or during the initial stage of the Okinawa invasion operations.

After retreating to the rear and undergoing repairs at Uluthi and other Central Pacific bases, these carriers returned to the scene of battle to support invasion operations on Okinawa Island. Either overestimating the power of B-29 attacks on Nippon, or underestimating the strength of Nippon air forces, the enemy dispatched the present task force to attack Kyushu, rear base for our defence of Okinawa, only to suffer humiliating defeat at the hands of Nippon special attack corps.

Notwithstanding the serious losses sustained by his task force which suffered more than 30 carriers sunk or damaged during the past 50 days' battle in the Okinawa sector, the enemy has been making desperate attempts to secure air supremacy in that sector. Thus, the enemy made repeated attacks on Kyushu with Mariana-based B-29's in an attempt to smash Nippon airbases there and check sorties of our attack planes.

At the same time the enemy has been making frantic efforts to maintain the supply line for his ground forces by keeping in operation around May 10 three groups of surface craft comprising standard and converted carriers and battleships in waters far south of Main Okinawa Island, and also three to five battleships off Nava. In attacks carried out from the night of May 10 to 11, Nippon air forces dealt a considerable blow to these enemy surface craft.

Fierce Artillery Duel On Okinawa West Coast

A Nippon Base on Okinawa Island, May 16 (Domei)—Several enemy warcraft shelled our positions from the west coast in the southern sector of Main Okinawa Island yesterday, May 15. Our shore batteries immediately returned the fire, resulting in a fierce gun duel.

High American Losses In Okinawa Revealed

Tokyo, May 16 (Domei)—United States warship losses in the Okinawa sector are placed at 45 per cent. of the total aircraft-carrier strength, and 48 or 49 per cent. of surface craft of other categories, it was authoritatively learned from a British air lieutenant on one British aircraft-carrier who was captured in the Okinawa area recently.

According to this British prisoner, warships of the British task force assigned to the Okinawa operation included three aircraft-carriers, namely, the Indefatigable, Indomitable and Victorious, three escort carriers of the 10,000-ton class, two battleships, namely, King George V and Howe, three cruisers, and 12 destroyers.. The British air lieutenant said United States warship losses amounted to 45 per cent. of total aircraft-carrier strength, and 48 or 49 per cent. in craft of other categories.

Soviet Manoeuvres In Central Europe Seen

Lisbon, May 15 (Domei)—A suggestion of further Soviet political manoeuvring in Central Europe was today carried in a dispatch, quoting the Czechoslovak Press Bureau, to the effect that an autonomous government has been formed in the Sub-Carpathian-Ukraine of Czechoslovakia.

The so-called "autonomous" government was said to be seeking a union with the Soviet Union, although at the moment it continues to recognize the authority of the Czechoslovak Government.

Eleven Diplomatic Pacts & Treaties Become Void

Tokyo, May 16 (Domei)—As a result of the Nippon Government's announcement yesterday, Tuesday, declaring void the Tripartite Pact other agreements between Nippon and Germany and other European countries, a total of eleven diplomatic instruments between these powers have now been invalidated, according to informed quarters close to the Foreign Office here today. These treaties and pacts that have been declared invalid covered international relations, political, economic and cultural fields.

Viacheslav Molotov Arrives In Moscow

Zurich, May 16 (Domei)—Moscow Radio said that Soviet Foreign Commissar Viacheslav Molotov arrived in Moscow on May 14 from San Francisco.

Enemy's Replenishment Power Daily Dwindles

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detectors installed at the northern tip of Zamami Island were able to detect the approach of Nippon special attack corps about 20 minutes before their appearance over that island. This advance detection enabled the enemy to spread a smoke screen and shoot up a terrific artillery barrage. However, since early this month there has been a noticeable decline in enemy anti-aircraft action, while the smoke screen has been limited to such an extent that enemy surface craft are now obliged to seek shelter behind the island in order to dodge Nippon aerial attacks. These facts clearly indicate the enemy's replenishment power is now at the lowest ebb.

Trieste Problem Causes Headache To Anglo-Saxons

Lisbon, May 15 (Domei)—The crisis arising from Yugoslavia's insistence on the right to occupy Trieste despite Anglo-American opposition assumed further complications tonight as the Italian Government argued that the "Big Three" were obligated to uphold Italy's territorial integrity, according to dispatches received here.

In the most elaborate press conference in "liberated" Rome, attended by about 100 journalists and made further impressive by the presence of Government leaders, Italian Premier Ivanhoe Orese Bonomi is reported to have discoursed passionately for a quarter of an hour on Trieste.

Bonomi said he has asked the "Big Three" to undertake the occupation of Trieste and the surrounding area at present in the hands of Yugoslav troops. He spoke firmly against the recognition of "any right to conquest from any quarter in respect to this region."

John Kimche, Reuter's military correspondent, in a London dispatch, today said that no request to withdraw from Trieste has yet been officially transmitted to Yugoslav Marshal Joseph Tito by either the British or United States governments.

The note, however, is being prepared and will be presented in Belgrade, he said. The Associated Press, on the other hand, said that the British Government already has informed Tito that Trieste would remain under anti-Axis joint control.

London dispatches reported that the Trieste crisis is being viewed with deep regret and concern by British circles, it being feared that the Trieste affair may become a precedent for occupation troops to stay on the territory they have taken in the course of the war.

Meantime, Communist elements in Italy were said to be significantly silent on the question of Yugoslav occupation of Trieste.

$1 Million Engo Saiken Tickets On Sale On June 1

Tickets for the one million-dollar Engo Saiken lottery (third issue) at five dollars a ticket will be on sale here from June 1 up to June 15.

Out of the total sum, $600,000 will be paid out as prize moneys while $340,000 will be devoted for relief work. The sum of $60,000 will be used for expenses in connection with the sale.

The draw will be held at the Syonan Kokaido on June 20. Prize moneys will be paid out commencing from June 21 until July 10 at the Syonan Tokubetu-si Zaimu Ka in exchange for tickets drawn, after which date no payment will be made. Tickets for the 10th prize may be cashed at all distributors with the exception of the Post Offices.

There are 20,696 prizes in all. There is one first prize of $100,000, one second prize of $50,000, one third prize of $25,000, fourth prize of $10,000 (four tickets), fifth prize of $5,000 (five tickets), sixth prize of $3,000 (12 tickets), seventh prize of $2,000 (70 tickets), eighth prize of $200 (200 tickets), ninth prize of $100 (400 tickets) and 10th prize of $5 (20,000 tickets).

Tickets can be had at the Keisatu Kyozyodan, Oversea Chinese Association, Rice Transport Kumiai, Malai Ginko Kyogi Kai, Syonan Yusei Kyoku, New World Amusement Park, Great World Amusement Park, Syonan Tokubetu si markets, Indian Welfare Association, Malai Welfare Association, the Arab Welfare Association, the Syonan Ryorigyo Kumiai, Syonan Tokubetu-si Syokoh Ka Import and Export Department, Syonan Tokubetu-si Zaimu Ka and various other places.

Anglo-Americans At Loggerheads On Trusteeship

Lisbon, May 15 (Domei)—The rumblings of discord at the San Francisco Conference, which got underway on April 24 to an inauspicious start with the dissension among the "Big Three" on the question of Poland's status, have become increasingly apparent with the growing conflict among the powers present on vital issues concerned, according to American dispatches.

Speaking on the question to altering the mandate system in line with the trusteeship proposal, the South African delegate today clarified that South Africa was strongly opposed to any alteration of the existing form of the administration in the mandated areas.

He told the Technical Committee on Trusteeship that Southwest Africa has been administered as an integral part of the Union of South Africa and any proposal to alter the mandate without South Africa's agreement would be regarded as a "breach of faith."

Any alteration of the mandate would lead to a state of political uncertainty that would unsettle the people and be detrimental to the South African administration, he said.

Meantime, Lord Cranborne, British Dominions Secretary, who represents Britain on the Trusteeship Committee, today was reported to have opposed the United States' proposal for the opening of certain mandated colonial territories to general world exploitation through the lowering of tariffs.

Cranborne claimed that the inhabitants of the mandates would not benefit from the lowering of tariffs but rather stand to lose. Cranborne's utterance, however, is believed to have been prompted by the fear that lowering of tariffs would lead to American economic encroachment on British trade with the mandate areas.

Nippon Air Forces Launch Night Attack On Okinawa

A Nippon Base in the Okinawa Sector, May 16 (Domei)—In another night sortie the Nippon air force heavily struck at the enemy-held airfields on Main Okinawa Island with large-calibre bombs last night. All missiles released by our airmen found their mark in the target areas where airfield installations were set ablaze and seriously damaged at several points.

Meanwhile, enemy air operations ever the entire Okinawa Group remained inactive yesterday with only some 100 enemy aircraft encountered in scattered raids over the entire sector throughout the day.

Middle East Dissatisfied With "Security" Plans

Lisbon, May 15 (Domei)—Middle East dissatisfaction over the proposed anti-Axis world security organization today was expressed by the Spokesman of the Pan-Arab League in San Francisco, who declared that signatories to the Cairo Declaration would demand the same rights as those accorded to the Latin American countries, according to a Reuter dispatch from San Francisco.

"If the inter-American system is recognized in the United Nations charter and is given authority to settle disputes without recourse to the Security Council, then the nations of the Pan-Arabic League will also demand the same right," he said.

If a solution is reached on the problem of the inter-American system, the Spokesman said that the Pan-Arab League would take up the same question with the "Big Five" in regard to their own regional organization.

Nippon Morale High In Face Of Enemy Raids

Tokyo, May 16 (Domei)—"The people of Kagoshima Prefecture are fighting enemy air raids with the same high spirit displayed by our special attack corps and their morale remains unshaken," declared Governor Fumio Tsuge of Kagoshima Prefecture who is now in Tokyo to attend the gubernatorial conference held here on Monday.

Tsuge said, "Through a series of bombing attacks Kagoshima people have come to understand what enemy warplanes are aiming at and they are determined to defend the airbases at all costs. After enemy air raids they voluntarily offer their labour services for speedy restoration of airfields."

"The entire people of Kagoshima," he added, "officials, farmers and merchants are perfectly united as one and are fighting enemy air raids with a very high morale."

American Bombs Destroy Historic Nagoya Castle

Nagoya, May 15 (Domei)—The historic Nagoya Castle, famed for its Golden Dolphin, fell victim to the enemy's deliberate bombing during yesterday morning's raid against Nagoya by American B-29's, tragically bringing to an end the 300-year-old castle which was donated to Nagoya City by His Imperial Majesty the Emperor in 1940.

The destruction of this irreplaceable relic of feudal Nippon in broad daylight which enabled the enemy to select it for a target, clearly attests to the barbaric nature of the Americans.

Soviet Russia Embarks On Food Production Program

Lisbon, May 13 (Domei)—With stringent rationing continuing throughout the country, Soviet Russia has embarked on a program to further step up her food production, according to a Moscow dispatch.

The defeat of Germany, which has brought added strain on the efforts of the anti-Axis powers to feed Europe's hungry millions, is believed to have influenced the Soviet Union in turning toward her present program for increasing her domestic food production.

The Russians, moreover, apparently realize that with the end of the fighting in Europe, food will be a vital factor in holding the support of the peoples whose countries she has occupied as well as in inducing other countries to seek her aid.

Soviet Forces Rescue Nippon Embassy Staff

Munchouli, May 15 (Domei)—Sixteen staff members of the Nippon Embassy in Berlin headed by Doctor Shikao Matsushima, Minister attached to the Embassy, arrived here this afternoon by train from Moscow via Siberia. They had been rescued and escorted out of the battle zone by the Red Army at a point 90 kilometres north of the German capital. Subsequently the party reached Moscow whence they entrained for Manchoukuo en route back to Nippon. They are scheduled to continue the homeward trip by international train tomorrow afternoon.

3rd "Fixed Deposit With Bonus" Lottery Results

Following are the results of the drawing of the lottery for the Third Fixed Deposit With Bonus, sponsored by the Malai Banking Association (Savings Encouragement Department) held at the Syonan Kokaido on Tuesday, May 15, 2605:

Savings encouragement prize: ($50,000): No. 018461 (Group U).

Special Prize: ($10,000) No. 017322 (Group I).

Pre-pro Prizes: ($200) Nos. 018460 018462 (Group U). Nos. 017321 017323 (Group I).

First Prize: ($1,000) (Common for all groups) No. 018322.

Second Prize: ($500) (Common for all groups) Nos. 010764 013309.

Third Prize: ($100) (Common for all groups) Nos. 015821 017304 013069 018195 010319.

Fourth Prize: ($50) (Common for all groups) Nos. 012609 017172 016399 014482 013588 018172 018318 017616 018474 016884 019434 017467 013811 018344 016966 015581 016694 012825 011904 019396 019977 013467 011972 012345 012808 017472 011956 019476 016181 014769.

Consolation Prize: ($300) (For the same number in other groups as the winning number for the Savings Encouragement Prize) No. 018461.

Dispersal Of Factories To Rural Areas Urged

Tokyo, May 15 (Domei)—Concentrated efforts of the Munition Supervisory Offices throughout the country wholly on aircraft production was urged by Admiral Teijiro Toyoda, Munitions Minister, in an address before a meeting of chiefs of Munitions Supervisory Offices held here today. He asked that steps be taken for the speedy dispersal of large aircraft factories to country districts.

In this connection he revealed a large part of administrative powers of central government offices will shortly be transferred to the prefectural government in order to reinforce the functions of Munitions Supervisory Offices. At the same time, Machinery Munitions Supervisory Offices will be reorganized. The personnel of these offices will be instructed to fully display their ability in guiding munitions production, especially aircraft production.

Lost — Reward

Three she-goats are missing since 15th May from the vicinity of Kirin Brewery, Alexandra Road. A reward of $500 is offered to anyone who restores the she-goats or leads to the recovery of the cattle.

Their identity is: (i) colour red, height about 2½ feet, a white mark 6" x 6" on the right side, age about one year and 4 months; (ii) colour black, height about 2 feet, one horn broken, some white hair on the forehead, age about 2 years; (iii) height 1½ feet, front left side leg dislocated, colour red, age 6 months.

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